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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Glenna C. Burmer, *et al.*
Application No.: 09/292,758
Filed: April 14, 1999
For: NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES
AND PROTEINS ASSOCIATED WITH
AGING

Examiner: B. Sisson
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AMENDMENT

Art Unit 1655
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:
In response to the Office Communication mailed May 22, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 30, 56, and 63 without prejudice to subsequent revival.
Please cancel non-elected claims 4, 5, 12-28, 34-37, 40-54, 57-61, and 64-72 without prejudiced to subsequent revival.

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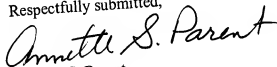
With this amendment, claims 1-3, 6-11, 29, 31-33, 38, 39, 55, and 62 are pending in the present application and under examination. Claims 30, 56, and 63 are canceled. Claims 4, 5, 12-28, 34-37, 40-54, 57-61, and 64-72 are withdrawn from consideration as drawn to a non-elected invention, and have been canceled without prejudice to subsequent revival. Appendix A shows all pending claims currently under examination.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,


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